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East-Bound Trains

1. Shuttle-train [] with 51 boxcars carrying troops passed through the station on 12 June 1950, bound for Insterburg (R 55/V 55).
2. Shuttle-train [] with 53 boxcars passed through the station on 13 June 1950, bound for Insterburg. Each boxcar was occupied by about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Among them was a major with tank insignia. No heavy weapons were observed.
3. A train of 19 boxcars loaded with ammunition, [] was seen en route from Torgau (N 52/E 64) to Insterburg on 13 June 1950. The train was escorted by a junior lieutenant and 10 soldiers wearing red epaulets with crossed-gun-barrel insignia.
4. Shuttle-train [] with 53 boxcars carrying troops was en route to Insterburg on 14 June 1950.
5. Shuttle-train [] with 54 boxcars carrying troops was en route to Insterburg on 16 June 1950. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Among them was a colonel wearing tank insignia. No heavy weapons were observed.
6. Shuttle-train [] with 54 boxcars occupied by troops headed for Insterburg on 20 June 1950.

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25X1C 7. Shuttle-train [] with 55 boxcars proceeded to Insterburg, on 23 June 1950. Each boxcar was occupied by about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Among them was a major with tank insignia. No heavy weapons were observed.

West-Bound Trains

25X1C 8. Shuttle-train [] with 50 boxcars carrying troops was seen coming from Gerdauen (R 55/V 22) on 12 June 1950. The doors of the boxcars remained closed while the train passed through the station.

25X1C 9. Shuttle-train [] with 52 boxcars was seen on 13 June 1950. Each boxcar was occupied by about 40 soldiers wearing red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Among them was a major wearing crossed-gun-barrel insignia.

25X1C 10. Shuttle-train [] with 53 boxcars carrying troops passed through Kuestrin on 14 June 1950, coming from Gerdauen.

25X1C 11. Shuttle-train [] of 53 boxcars was seen on 16 June 1950, coming from Gerdauen. A colonel wearing tank insignia was train commandant.

25X1C 12. Shuttle-train [] with 53 boxcars carrying troops was seen on 17 June 1950.

25X1 13. Shuttle-train [] with 53 boxcars occupied by troops passed through Kuestrin on 19 June 1950. The doors of the boxcars were closed while the train went through the station.

25X1C 14. Shuttle-train [] with 54 boxcars with troops was seen on 19 June 1950, coming from Gerdauen. The boxcars remained closed when the train passed through Kuestrin.

25X1C 15. Shuttle-train [] with 52 boxcars coming from Gerdauen, was seen on 20 June 1950. Each boxcar was occupied by about 40 soldiers wearing red epaulets. Among them was a captain with tank insignia. No heavy weapons were observed.

25X1C 16. Shuttle-train [] with 54 boxcars occupied by troops, passed through Kuestrin on 21 June 1950, coming from Gerdauen.

25X1C 17. Shuttle-train [] with 53 boxcars carrying troops was seen on 22 June 1950, coming from Gerdauen. A captain wearing tank insignia was train commandant. The doors of the boxcars remained closed while the train passed through the station.

25X1C 18. Shuttle-train [] with 55 boxcars carrying troops passed through Kuestrin on 24 June 1950, coming from Gerdauen. A major and two senior lieutenants wearing tank insignia were observed. The doors of the boxcars remained closed while the train passed the station.

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25X1C 19. Shuttle-train [] with 54 boxcars was seen on 24 June 1950, coming from Gerdauen. Each boxcar was occupied by about 40 soldiers wearing red epaulets. Among them were two captains and two senior lieutenants wearing tank insignia. *

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* [] Comment. [] on Soviet rail movements through Kuestrin-Kietz, covering the period from 3 to 21 June 1950. [] He stated that trains with 55 to 60 boxcars and 45 recruits in each boxcar, passed through the station en route from the U.S.S.R to the Soviet Zone of Germany at a rate of one per day from 3 to 11 June 1950, and at a rate of two per day from 12 to 21 June 1950, while only two east-bound trains carrying troops due for demobilization left the Soviet Zone of Germany. In contradiction to the 20 trains with recruits, the present report stated that only nine trains with recruits reached the Soviet Zone of Germany from 12 to 21 June 1950. It is possible that more than the reported nine trains passed through Kuestrin-Kietz en route to the Soviet Zone of Germany between 12 and 21 June 1950. All reported shuttle-train [] belong to troop trains which seem to be used for operations within the Soviet Zone of Germany as well as for operations to and from the U.S.S.R. []

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